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TELEGRAMS.

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BRITAIN PROHIBITS EXPORTS TO SWEDEN EXCEPT UNDER STRICT LICENCE. SWEDISH IMPORTERS CANNOT DISCLOSE DESTINATION OF GOODS. SR. BOSELLI SAYS ITALY MUST MAINTAIN AGREEMENT WITH ALLIES. ITALIAN ASPIRATIONS WILL BE SECURED BY DEFINITE CONQUEST. IF ELECTION IS ON OLD REGISTER, LIFE OF PARLIAMENT WILL BE LIMITED. HOSTILE AEROPLANES HAVE BOMBED VENICE AND THE GRADO LAGOON. THE BRITISH LINE HAS BEEN ADVANCED AT GUILLEMONT.

[All telegrams appearing in large type are the latest having been received during the course of the day. Those in small type have come through over-night.]

BRITAIN AND SWEDEN.

An Export Prohibition.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

August 16, 11.30 a.m.
Reuter announces that the Government has decided to prohibit all exports to Sweden, except under the most stringent licence.

The Cause Explained.

August 17, 4.40 p.m.
The reason for the prohibition of exports to Sweden is that a new Swedish law prohibits importers giving any information regarding the ultimate destination of imports, which information is essential under the British Customs War Powers Act.

ITALY'S POLICY.

August 17, 2.00 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Rome says that in a speech Signor Boselli, the Prime Minister, declared that they must secure Italian aspirations by definite conquest, and must closely maintain their agreements with the Allies.

THE LIFE OF PARLIAMENT.

August 18, 1.00 a.m.
Before the Parliament Bill was read a third time, the Government undertook specially to limit the life of the new Parliament in the event of an election on the old Register.

AERIAL RAID ON VENICE.

August 17, 11.55 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Rome, it is officially announced that artillery actions have not been marked by special features. Hostile aeroplanes bombed Venice and the Grado Lagoon last night. The damage was slight and there were no casualties.

GOOD NEWS FROM EAST AFRICA.

August 17, 4.00 p.m.
General Smuts reports that his troops are closing in on the central railway in the vicinity of Kilosa from the north and the west, while naval forces have occupied the important Arab town of Dagamojo, capturing a naval four-inch gun.

THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE.

British Line Advanced.

August 17, 4.10 p.m.
General Sir Douglas Haig, in a communique, says:—Our line has been advanced both west and south-west of Guillemont.

French Organising New Positions.

August 17, 4.10 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris quotes a communique, which says:—The enemy has not attempted a counter-attack at Homme. We are organising the positions won.

There was violent artillery firing north of Maurepas and in the sector of Belloy-en-Santerre. It is calm elsewhere.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on Page 8 or on Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

MRS. BESANT'S INDIAN JOURNAL.

August 16, 9.45 a.m.
In the House of Commons, in reply to Mr. P. Snowden (Blackburn) Mr. Chamberlain said he was not prepared to interfere with the action of the Government of Madras regarding the paper "New India." He was not aware that every Indian paper of standing had protested, or that the action had created indignation throughout India.

A FOREIGN OFFICE APPOINTMENT.

August 16, 2.20 p.m.
Sir Ralph Paget, Assistant Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs since 1913, has been appointed British Minister in Denmark.

THE LIFE OF PARLIAMENT.

August 16, 9.25 p.m.
In the House of Commons the bill for the extension of the life of Parliament and the Registration Bill passed the second reading.

TELEGRAMS.

THE RUSSIAN DRIVE.

Enemy's Three Lines of Retreat.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

August 16, 12.20 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, military experts indicate that there are three lines of enemy retreat from Galicia, namely the left wing along the Tarnopol-Lemberg road, the centre to Brijany and the right wing to Halicz. The Russians are only six miles from the last named place. General Boehm-Ermolli is vigorously resisting General Sakharoff's flanking effort on the Sereth. The Russians are still held up by General Bothmer on the middle course of the Zlota Lipa, but farther south they hold both banks for 16 miles and are continuing to cross.

Changes in Northern Command.

August 17, 4.20 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says General Russky has been appointed Commander in Chief of the northern armies in succession to General Kuropatkin.

ARE PRO-GERMANS CONCERNED?

August 16, 12.20 p.m.
Three cases of bubonic plague have occurred at Bristol. The Medical Officer of Health has hinted at the possibility of rats having been deliberately infected.

THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

August 16, 12.20 p.m.
The following steamers have been sunk:—Pagasari (Spanish), San Giovanni Battista (Italian); and several sailing ships.

JAPANESE PRINCE VISITS PETROGRAD.

August 16, 12.20 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Tokyo states that Prince Tanin is proceeding to Petrograd to return the recent visit of the Grand Duke.

CANADA'S PART IN THE WAR.

Interview with an Ontario Statesman.

A distinguished Canadian Parliamentary leader, Mr. N. W. Rowell, K.C., the head of the Liberal party in the Ontario Legislature, recently arrived on a visit to England.

Some time ago the Ontario Legislature established a War Committee to deal with recruiting, labour, and after-war problems, and Mr. Rowell, who is a vice-chairman of the committee, has come to England to study the handling of similar problems here.

Discussing Canada in war-time with a *Daily Chronicle* representative, Mr. Rowell said:—"I think that one of the most welcome things I can say to the public here is that Canada is standing the strain of the war far better than even the most sanguine expected. Before the war there was a certain financial stringency and our trade was not as it might have been. There was an adverse balance against us, but now it is on the other side."

"From the industrial standpoint war has even been an advantage; the large war expenditure has greatly stimulated industry. Last year's magnificent harvest helped to put things right, and although manufacturers and farmers are now experiencing some difficulty over labour owing to the recruiting, this is being adjusted."

"Our domestic loan of 50,000,000 dols. was subscribed twice over, public deposits in banks for the last 12 months ending in April increased by 117,000,000 dols.; and for last May alone the increase was 17,000,000 dols."

Mr. Rowell mentioned that Canada hoped to finance the whole of its own war expenditure from now.

"We have, as you know," he said, "been responsible for paying and victualling our men, and we are to pay our proportionate amount for munitions. We reckon that our military expenditure is roughly a million dollars a day. Out of our estimated home revenue of 200 million dollars (which may be exceeded) we shall have 35 millions, most likely more, towards this, and the rest will be found in other ways."

Already we have been helping to finance the Imperial Government purchases in Canada, to the extent of 128 million dollars, and this may be substantially increased by the end of the year."

"We confidently expect that the amount of the Imperial Government's expenses financed in Canada during the present year will materially exceed the amount of the financial assistance Canada receives from Great Britain during the same period."

As showing the confidence with which Canada's position is regarded, Mr. Rowell cited the fact that Canadian securities are finding a ready market in America.

Regarding Canadian opinion on the war itself, Mr. Rowell remarked:—"Up to June 1 we had enlisted 334,299 men. Every one's determined to see the thing through. Like England, we are peace-loving, and we do not wish to see our children involved in another and even more hideous war in the future. The end of the war will inevitably bring to us, as also to the rest of the Empire, serious industrial and financial problems, but we are prepared to face them, and to secure Canada's prosperity in the future."

TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIED ADVANCE.

Quiet British Front.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

August 17, 12.05 a.m.
General Sir Douglas Haig's evening communique says there is nothing special to report.

French Resume Offensive.

August 17, 1.45 a.m.
A Paris communique says the French resumed the offensive on the Somme this afternoon, after an intense cannonading, making important gains. They captured on the north of the Somme, in conjunction with the British, the whole line of German trenches on a mile front. Simultaneously the French south of the Somme captured in one rush a system of powerfully fortified German trenches on a front of twelve hundred metres south of Belloy-en-Santerre. After capturing a mile of trenches north of Maurepas, the Anglo-French at certain points reached the Guillemont-Maurepas Road. Moreover, south of Maurepas, all the German positions east of the Maurepas-Clery Road were captured on a front of two kilometres to a depth of from 300 to 500 metres, after a fierce fight in which the enemy lost most heavily. Both operations were brilliantly conducted and rapidly executed. Many prisoners were taken in addition to the sixty captured south of the Somme.

BRITAIN AND THE VATICAN.

August 17, 4.40 a.m.
Count de Salis has been appointed special Envoy to the Vatican in succession to Sir Henry Howard.

NO CHANGE IN MESOPOTAMIA.

August 17, 12.05 a.m.
It is officially announced that the situation in Mesopotamia is quite unchanged.

THE BERWICK ELECTION RESULT.

August 17, 1.45 p.m.
The Berwick bye-election resulted: Sir Francis Blake (Coalition) 374; Dr. Turnbull (Independent) 631. [The bye-election was caused through the elevation to the Peerage of Sir Edward Grey, whose majority at the last election was 1,686.]

VANCOUVER.

A Great Future.

In a brief but pointed address to the members of the Rotary Club at their regular weekly luncheon at the Hotel Vancouver recently, Mr. H. B. Stevens, M. P., outlined the scheme for the development of the Vancouver harbour, which is now being worked out by the harbour commissioners and Mr. Stevens himself.

Referring to the development of the harbour as proposed, Mr. Stevens said:—"It makes me weary when schemes are advanced, and instead of taking in the good points the weak point is picked out in an attempt to destroy the scheme." He stated that Vancouver had grown from a population of 25,000 to about 100,000, from a sawmill town to a great natural port. The tonnage coming into Vancouver almost equaled that of Montreal.

"That's going some," he said. "It behoves Vancouver to set her house in order," said the speaker. "Map out a future instead of dealing with the present. Do not always think of the present and disregard the interest of those that come later."

The object of the scheme is to make Vancouver the greatest port in Canada. "Nature has done a lot for Vancouver," he said, "but we need in addition certain facilities that can only be placed here by organized effort. One of the objects of the scheme is to increase facilities for the rapid handling of freight."

"Vancouver is destined to be the leading city of Canada," said Mr. Stevens. "One of the leading ports in Canada, but it behoves us to see into the future and secure facilities which will take care of the traffic as it

develops. We wish to attract trade. If we can develop trade it is going to show the use of the harbour commissioners, and add to the general welfare of the community. We must also develop incoming trade, and also industries. In respect to the latter several sites have been secured, while they propose to secure others. This will be leased to individuals at ground lease rates.

"For all industries desiring to come to Vancouver, we propose to eliminate forever the contention that they cannot get a site," he said. "It is also proposed to organize traffic conditions. In this connection a terminal railway from Kitilano to Cedar Cove, also on the north shore from Capilano to the approach of the Second Narrows bridge is proposed. We want to see more railways here. One company had many thousands of tons of cargo being shipped from San Francisco, which they would have willingly shipped from this port if we would have given them dock and advantageous rates. The terminal scheme will remedy this."

The speaker was told just before he arrived at the luncheon that the C. P. R. was now active in regard to locating on the north shore. He liked to see the C. P. R. active, but he thought that other lines should be able to come into Vancouver, and hoped to see many in the future. "Why should we stand back and allow one railway to take everything in sight?" he said.

Mr. Stevens also gave a list of the properties they proposed to acquire, including the Kitilano Indian Reserve. This will be for deep sea shipping. "It is one of the most advantageous points in the whole harbour," he said. "Mr. A. D. Swan, an engineer who examined the spot, said that this locality was especially well fitted for the purpose. Very little dredging

TELEGRAMS.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

LADY HELEN BRASSEY MARRIED.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]
London, Received, August 17
The wedding has taken place of Lady Helen Brassey to Major John Murray, son of the well-known publisher.

TEUTON LOSSES.

Some Striking Figures.

New York, Aug. 2.—Reports from London state that the presence of a Turkish Army Corps in the Austrian lines near Lemberg is regarded by military experts as giving the measure of the Austrians' dire straits.

One expert, reviewing the enemy's losses during the two years of war, says the German admiral casualties amounting to 4,000,000. The cautious estimate of British and French statisticians adds 800,000 to this total, and adding the losses for a portion of June and the whole of July, which have not yet been particularised in German reports, the total German losses to date must, it is believed, total over 5,000,000. The Austrian casualties during the first 14 months of the war were 2,500,000. General Ivanoff accounted for 45,000 between September and November last, besides putting another 50,000 out of action in December.

In the Russian report now being carried out by the Russians, General Brusseloff has taken 300,000 Austrian prisoners, and put the same number hors de combat.

A conservative estimate puts the Austrian losses since September at 600,000, so that the end of the second year of war, which began with Austria's offensive in Serbia, brings Austria's losses approximately up to 3,500,000. The total Austro-German losses, therefore, cannot be less than 8,000,000.

Austria had 6,000,000 men available for military service at the outbreak of war, but the Russian occupation of Galicia interfered with the plan of mobilisation, preventing more than 4,500,000 men being called up.

Of this number a large number were absorbed for munition-making and working the railways and other essential duties.

Allowing for young and old men at present on garrison duty or in training, it is estimated that Austria's present military strength in thoroughly effective men is only about 500,000.

would have to be done, and with comparative ease docks could be secured for large vessels."

Mr. Stevens also explained why they proposed to acquire property at Port Moody, and said that it was just as necessary to develop that part of the harbor as Vancouver.

Concluding his remarks, Mr. Stevens said Vancouver will not get along unless we are willing to suppress little personal and individual advantages for the advantages we will secure in a few years hence by the proper and systematic development of the Port of Vancouver.

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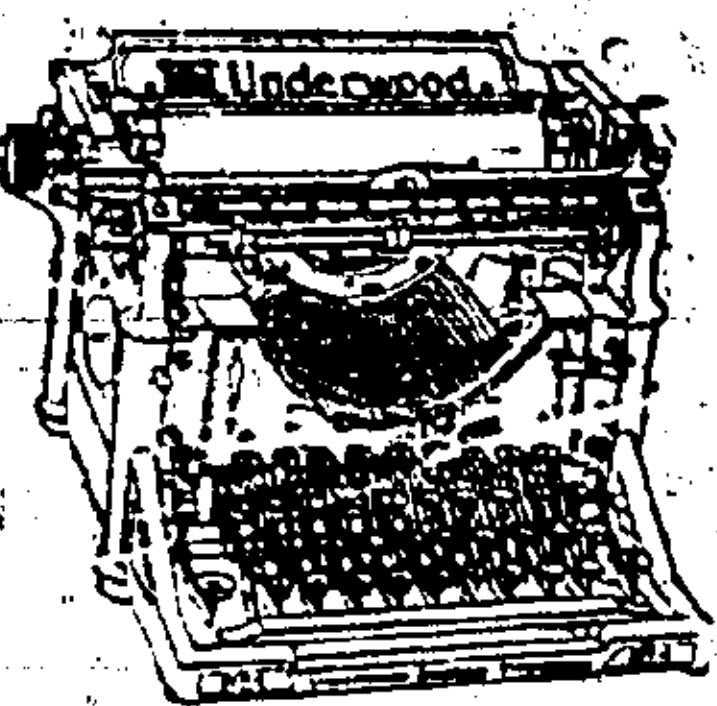
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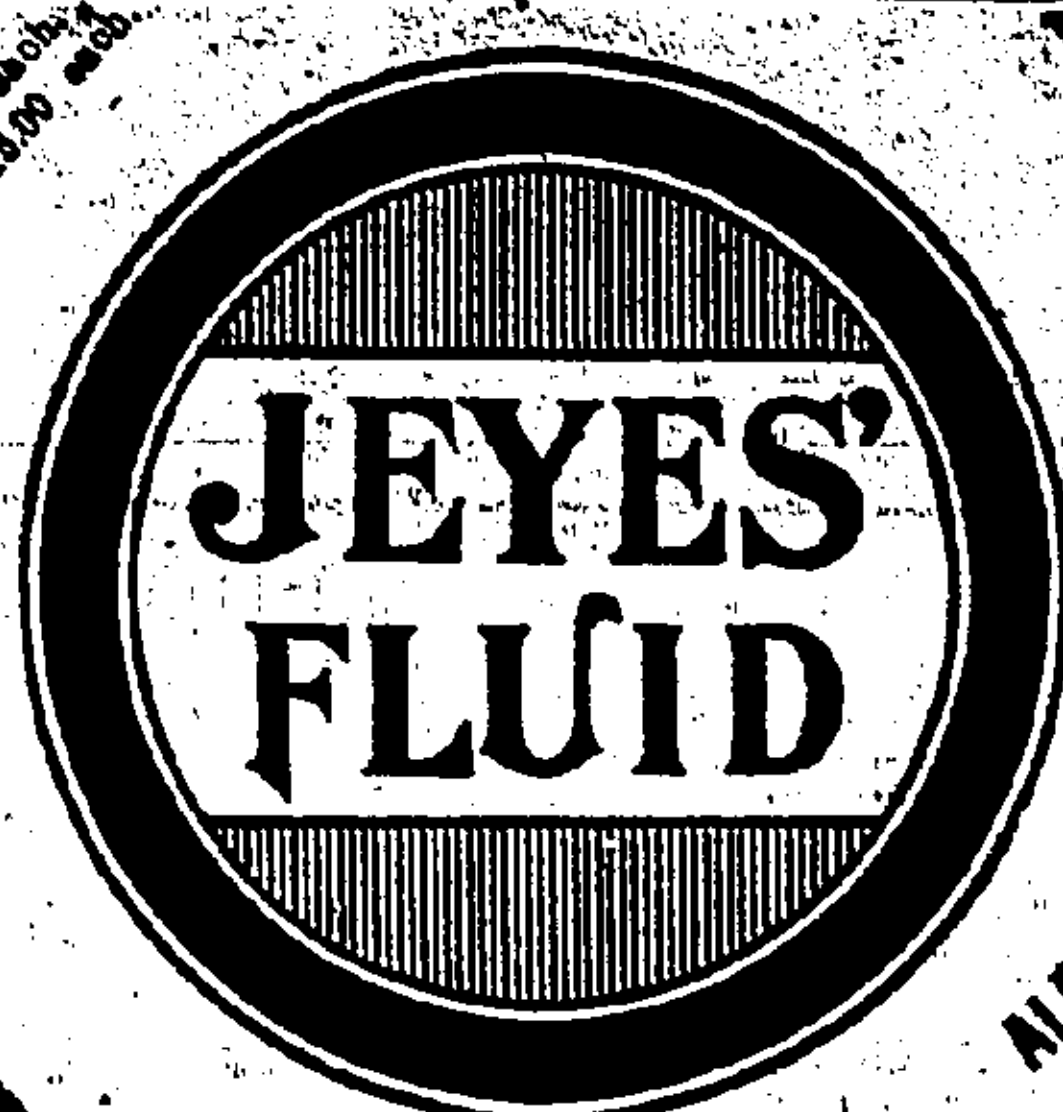
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GENERAL NEWS

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war has now reached the splendid
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made this collection amongst the
shipping and commercial men of
the City of London, and has just
forwarded this amount to the
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The Accident to A Japanese
Warship.

It is stated that much difficulty
is being experienced in refloating
the Japanese warship "Kuregi"
which stranded on the coast of
Tohima, Hokkaido, while en-
gaged in survey work. The
cruiser which was dispatched to
her assistance has been trying to
get the "Kuregi" off the rock, but
so far without success. If the
stranded vessel is not refloated
within the next few days, says the
Japan Chronicle of August 5, it is
said that a more elaborate plan
for refloating her will be tried.

Troubles in Mongolia.

Owing to the presence of the
Babochan bandits at Tsouanfa,
Eastern Mongolia, the Chinese
Government has instructed the
Foreign Commissioner at Mukden
to notify the Japanese and other
Consuls about the insecurity of
travelling in the said district at
this time and that, in order to
restore peace, the Peking Govern-
ment has dispatched more troops
to Tsouanfa under the Command
of General Wu Chuan-sheng for
the suppression of these Mongolian
bandits. According to latest
advice from Mukden, Japan is
availing herself of this op-
portunity to increase the number
of the Japanese "police" in
South Manchuria and Eastern
Mongolia for the protection of
Japanese interests.—Peking Daily
News.

Army Pay Frauds.

Ethel Rose Bennett, 24, a
married woman, of Fulham, was
at the West London Police Court
sentenced to six months' imprison-
ment on charges of forging a
marriage certificate and of obtain-
ing by false pretences four sums
of 15s. each as separation allow-
ances. Prisoner, a well-dressed
woman, pleaded guilty to obtain-
ing money by false pretences. It
was stated that the prisoner was
married in May, 1914, to Arthur
Bennett, a yeoman of signals, who
left England in July last. In
1915 she made the acquaintance
of a man named Roney, and they
lived together. Roney enlisted,
and, in asking for separation
allowance for the woman, sent
in the alleged forged certificate.
Bennett, hearing of his wife's
misconduct, reported the matter
to the authorities.

The Case of Mrs. Besant.

Madras, 13th July.—Comment-
ing on the Bombay Government's
order under the Defence of India
Act re Mrs. Besant, the Indian
Patriot says: "The action of the
Bombay Government lends justifi-
cation to what has been done by
the Madras Government. Whether
reasonable or not, we have to
realize that the two Governments,
thinking and acting independ-
ently, have come to the conclusion
that Mrs. Besant's activities are not,
at the present, conducive to the
welfare of the country." The Hin-
du says: "India, as was shown in
the recent repressive measures of
the Madras and Bombay Govern-
ments against Mrs. Besant, pre-
serves the attitude of impenetrable
reserve and secrecy. There is no
constitutional means of making
it disclose the grounds for its
drastic action, and the Bombay
Government seems to think it
right to forbid even the local
press to comment upon its action.
Under what law this last in-junc-
tion was given, and if there is
no law to authorize it, why it was
compelled with, is not clear. The
whole matter is a fitting subject
for careful investigation by H. E.
Lord Chelmsford, who is said to
be well-versed and much inter-
ested in Constitutional Law and
forms of Government."

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"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

DEATH.

MACAULAY.—On the 16th August, 1916, Mrs. T. B. Macaulay, Honorary President of the "Sunbeam Patriotic Club," wife of Mr. T. B. Macaulay, F.L.A., F.A.S., President and Managing Director of the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada. (by telegram from Montreal, Canada.)

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1916.

THE COLONY'S FUTURE.

At the present moment the building trade in Hongkong is, like several other branches of industry, in a distinctly inactive condition. Just before the war broke out, there was every evidence of a "boom" ahead; and architects and builders were preparing for a busy period. Since that time, however, circumstances have been all against embarkation on large building schemes, the high freight rates and the greatly enhanced cost of materials being the chief factors in the slump. The present period of depression can only be of a temporary character, though, and, with a return to more normal conditions, we may expect to see a revival in the schemes which have been contemplated for developing the Colony's residential and business buildings. Until such time, it is not likely that money will be laid out to any great extent in this direction.

The present lull provides an opportune moment in which to look ahead and picture future possibilities. On the Hongkong side, there are various projects either actually under way or in the embryo stage. Much is looked for from the proposed laying out, eventually, of the southern side of the island as a residential area; the erection of numerous new houses on the hillside of the island is contemplated; while, industrially, mention may be made of the acquisition of a big water-front site at North Point by the Hongkong Electric Company for the accommodation of a new generating station, the necessity for which is caused by the increased demand for current. It is, however, on the other side of the harbour that we shall probably see the greatest changes if we look ahead say ten or twenty years. That is peering into the distant future, it is true, but there can be very little doubt that in the days to come we shall see great industrial development on the Kowloon peninsula. It may be some time in coming, but it will receive a marked fillip when railway communication through to Hankow is an actuality, and when Kowloon thus becomes the terminus of China's southern system of railways.

To anyone not acquainted with the Colony's history, it appears somewhat of an anomaly that the business centre of Colony should be on the island, where there are no wharves of note and where there is comparatively little godown space. But perhaps the day will come when Kowloon will supplant Hongkong in this respect—when the chief business offices will be situated across the harbour, and when an electric tramway system will operate there. Motor-cars and cabs, too, may leap into prominence, as they have in settlements such as Shanghai. As to increased shipping facilities, the new wharf being laid down by the Wharf and Godown Company is almost complete, and in course of time we may possibly see a series of deep-water piers in Hinghom Bay, in which event the Government, as well as private concerns, would probably provide additions to the Colony's godown accommodation. The future development of Kowloon from the shipping standpoint would certainly be a big factor in making the peninsula the Colony's future business centre, inasmuch as cargo could quickly be deposited within easy reach of the business houses, thus doing away with much of the present necessity for transshipment into lighters and native craft. This is looking far ahead, we admit. But who will say that the dream may not, in part at least, come true?

War Charities.

We publish in another column to-day a summary of the report of the Committee appointed by the Home Office to advise whether there is need for the better control and supervision of war charities. That report reveals a deal of waste and a little fraud. Attention is particularly called to the enormous percentage of subscriptions which have in many cases been swallowed up in "working expenses," while it is also shown that persons holding prominent positions too often lend their names to schemes without taking the trouble to enquire into the bona fides of the promoters. The failure to publish accounts, showing how money collected has been disposed of, is also commented upon. The instances quoted by the Committee do not make very pleasant reading, but the wonder is that there has not been more fraud and waste, seeing that practically no safeguards have been taken to prevent either the one or the other. If the Committee's advice is taken, there will be very little opportunity for this sort of thing in the future, for it advocates that all persons or bodies making war appeals, for whatever object, shall be compelled, under penalty, to register themselves. In France that step has already been taken: there the Minister of Interior controls all war charities. Suspicions of either fraud or waste are bound to tighten purse-strings, and, in the interests of charity and of the public, the registration plan should be put into operation at once. Happily, in Hongkong we have a general War Charities Committee, officially initiated, which supervises local contributions and advises on suitable charities to assist. The public here can therefore do its part, knowing that all the causes for which subscriptions are sought are worthy of the fullest support, Hongkong and China.

It is due rather to Hongkong's good luck than to the vigilance and efficiency of its Government that it has escaped, in recent years, any serious epidemic. Now that cholera rumours are in the air, it may be that our officials will bestir themselves (as they should have done, and have not done, in the past) and will insist on further health regulations and on the carrying out of the existing law as well. As we have had occasion to point out a good many hundreds of times, dirty practices of all kinds are allowed to pass unchecked and indeed often seem to be encouraged. It is as though our Government was powerless to realise that certain classes of Chinese can only be made clean by force. If Hongkong is to have a visit from the cholera, would it not be well to leave it as few nesting places as possible? As things are at present, Hongkong seems prepared to give the disease the warmest of welcomes. In spite of the recent excessive heat, coolies are still busy dry-sweeping the thoroughfares; indeed there are times when the Prays is made a place of torment by the clouds of feck dust that are set moving by the sweepers. Again, ash-buckets without lids are still allowed to stand about the streets—a pray to loafers, dogs, cats, rats and (perhaps, just now, worst of all) flies!

The Fly Danger.

Why is it that Hongkong steadily refuses to enter upon an anti-fly campaign? Nowadays every school child knows what a deadly enemy to man the common fly is; and yet, in a place swarming with Chinese who are suffering from infectious disorders, no attempt is made to check the breeding of these flies. From the dust-bin and the "sanitary" bucket to the dinner table is a speedy journey for a housefly, and one which it seems to take with malignant pleasure in accomplishing as often as possible. What wonder is it that disease spreads rapidly here when not only Chinese restaurants but all other parts and habitations of the city are the home of so many flies? The war on these pests, as undertaken in many parts of England and America, has been a decided success, and could be made so in Hongkong. There are plenty of Chinese who would be glad to earn an extra dollar or two by fly-killing, and the Colony can well afford to pay even a large sum to meet the expenses of such a campaign.

DAY BY DAY.

HE HAS NOTHING TO FEAR WHO HAS POVERTY FOR HIS BAGGAGE, OLD AGE FOR HIS ESCORT AND GOD FOR HIS COMPANION.

The Weather.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 76; dull (1915, 77 clear.)
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 82; dull. (1915, 86 clear.)

The Mails.
American, and Canadian Mails.—Closed per s.s. Canada Maru at 1 p.m. to-day.

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 1.7-16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 88th anniversary of the death of Honore de Balzac.

Gone North.
The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mr. T. M. Crawford went North by the Shinyo Maru.

Departed.
Among the passengers who left by the Shinyo Maru was Mr. K. Doi, who has been the Agent in Hongkong for the Toyo Kisen Kaisha for some years past, and who is now succeeded by Mr. T. Daigo.

Solicitor Sued.
Before the Chief Justice, at the Summary Court this morning, a case was called in which Yu Cheung Im claimed from Mr. B. C. Faithful, solicitor, the sum of \$1,000 for damages. A day was fixed for hearing and discovery of documents ordered.

An Obliging Friend.
In a case which was called at the Summary Court this morning, before the Chief Justice, Mr. Faithful mentioned that the claim against defendant had been met by a friend, who said, however, that he had had no instructions to pay the costs, and did not do so. The case was adjourned.

A Bad Character.
Inspector Gordon charged an elderly man at the Magistrate's Court this morning with returning from banishment. The Inspector said the man was banished for 10 years for being the head of a gang of thieves and a harbourer of kidnapped children. Defendant said he had only come back to see his son. Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed.

A Deserting Constable.
L'm Kwok-kwan, an ex-constable, was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, with desertion, he having signed on for five years. The offence took place on July 22. Defendant's excuse was that he thought he was suspended and no longer required. A fine of \$100, or three months' imprisonment was imposed.

Mentioned in Despatches.
Surge-General W.G.A. Bedford, C.M.G., M.B.; Temp. Brig-General H.G. Casson, (who Commanded the South Wales Borderers at Tsingtau); and Acting Staff Sergeant Major O.H. Porter, A.S.C., formerly stationed in Hongkong, are included in General Sir O. Munro's list of those mentioned in despatches for distinguished and gallant services in Gallipoli.

Both to Blame.
Two workmen had a quarrel at Shaukiwan yesterday and they proceeded to settle the question by fighting with hammers. One used a large caulking hammer and the other wielded an iron weapon. The former got the better of the duel and inflicted a nasty wound on his opponent's head. In consequence he was charged with assault at the Police Court this morning, but Mr. F. A. Hazeland thought both were to blame and bound them over.

Obituary.
It will be seen from our obituary column that the death has taken place of Mrs. T. B. Macaulay, wife of the President and Managing Director of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. The late Mrs. Macaulay was Honorary President of the "Sunbeam Patriotic Club," which is financed entirely by the Company's officers and staff, and which has done splendid work in supplying comforts for Canadian troops.

ABUSE OF WAR CHARITIES.

State Supervision Suggested.

The Committee appointed by the Home Secretary to advise whether in the public interest measures should be taken to secure the better control or supervision of war charities issued its report on July 8.

Mr. J. W. Wilson, M.P., was the chairman, and the Committee expresses the opinion that it should be made illegal to appeal to the public for any war charity unless the body making the appeal is registered. The Secretary of State should be empowered to make regulations prescribing the conditions subject to which registration should be effected, and a fund should be liable to be removed from the register at any time on the ground of want of bona fides or failure to comply with any of the conditions which the Committee enumerates. Anyone making a public appeal on behalf of an unregistered war charity should be liable to be fined, proceedings not to be taken without the consent of the Attorney General.

Various cases were brought to the Committee's notice in which the want of control had led to very unsatisfactory results. In some cases large sums of money which had been collected were found to be under the control of an individual who had placed them to his own banking account. In other cases no accounts had been published showing how the money had been disposed of, and no proper minute-books or records had been kept.

In other instances, although there might have been a committee, it had been of a purely nominal character. One of the most serious dangers in connection with war charities at present arises from the fact that persons holding prominent positions freely—the Committee might almost say recklessly—allow their names to be used as patrons or even members of an "executive committee" without first satisfying themselves as to the bona fides of the promoters of the fund, and without taking any real responsibility as to the distribution of moneys collected. The Committee give a few typical cases.

A Bankrupt's Idea.
Over £120,000 was collected for the relief of victims in an Allied country. A large portion appears to have been expended for the purpose indicated, but there remained a balance in hand of £42,000, as to the expenditure of which, so far as the Committee are aware, no account has since been published. The promoters obtained the names of many influential persons as patrons or as members of the executive committee.

A man who had been twice adjudged bankrupt and on the second occasion had not applied for his discharge, who had been a defendant in an action for fraud in which a verdict for £5,300 was found against him, and who had recently been imprisoned for default in payment of his rates, conceived the idea of appealing for funds for the provision of homes of rest for soldiers on leave in London. He induced three earls and several M.P.s to become vice presidents, and formed a committee of more than eighty ladies, most of whom were the wives of officers commanding regiments. He proposed, in the first instance, to make use of the house in which he was living, the rent of which was in arrears, as a home of rest, and to provide other homes afterwards. Up to the present this scheme has not been carried out, but £300 has been subscribed, the whole of which appears to have been swallowed up by working expenses, and the fund now has an adverse balance of £50.

A French Swindler's Scheme.
A French swindler, who had been sentenced more than once in Paris for fraud, started in London a fund to provide for the rebuilding of houses in Belgium after the war. He employed young women to collect money in places of public resort, paying them a commission of 10 per cent. According to his statement only £17 was collected, of which over £13 was charged for expenses. This scheme having

THE DEUTSCHLAND.

The Arrangements Before her Departure.

Baltimore, July 14.—Silence continues as to the date of departure of the super-submarine Deutschland. The tug Timmins, which met her at the Cape and conveyed her to Baltimore, remains at the pier, and it probably would take only ten minutes to get the submarine from the mooring into open water.

It is learned that a large hydro-aeroplane, practically completed, is stored on the pier of the Eastern Forwarding Company where the Deutschland is docked. This led to a report that the flying boat would be sent to the Cape for scouting purposes before the submarine makes her dash for the Atlantic. Capt. Hinch, in charge of the pier, however, denied this, and said the craft has been on the pier in an uncompleted state for the last eighteen months, and that its owners are two men who are now with the Maryland National Guard in Texas.

The manner in which the Deutschland has been cleared of everything she brought over, even the pig-iron ballast, has led to the belief that she will return to Germany heavily laden. Until the owners of the cargo that has been taken from her file their papers with the Custom House no authoritative statement as to its composition can be obtained. It is said that it is unlikely that entry will be made this week. Capt. Konig, the submarine's commander, laughed at the report from Amsterdam that the principal object of the Deutschland's voyage was to convey a consignment of diamonds.

One of the submarine's crew will not return to Germany on the vessel. G. Prusse, rated as supercargo, made application to the local immigration authorities to be landed in this country. The application was granted after the usual formalities.

Washington, July 14.—An advisory report on the status of the German merchant submarine Deutschland submitted to Acting Secretary Polk to-day by the Government Neutrality Board is understood to hold that the vessel is a peaceful merchant craft and entitled to all privileges as such. Indications now are that the State Department will make no formal announcement concerning the submarine, but that the Treasury Department will be advised to permit her to clear and sail from Baltimore whenever her captain desires to start on his return voyage.

Mr. Polk received the Neutrality Board's report just before he went to the White House to attend the Cabinet meeting. He intimated that a formal ruling by the Department would be necessary only in case the submarine had been found to be a warship, liable to be ordered from American waters.

been stopped by the action of the Belgian authorities, he proceeded to found an association which purported to be formed for the benefit of war orphans, and succeeded in obtaining the names of a number of titled people as patrons. In four months receipts amounted to £200, of which £14 was said to have been given to Belgians who had returned to their country.

The rest was absorbed by the expenses, which included a weekly salary of £6 retained by the promoter for his services as secretary. This man was finally deported to France, where he is now undergoing imprisonment for fraud.

A young man in low water hit upon the idea of appealing for funds to establish poultry farms to provide employment for disabled soldiers and supplying new-laid eggs to hospitals for wounded soldiers. His scheme was not successful, and he was ultimately convicted of obtaining money by fraud. The Committee declare that a large amount of money is wasted in consequence of the overlapping of funds.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut-Col. A. Chapman, V. D., state:—

Notice.
Detail of Engineer Coy. duties at Lyceum from 16th to 31st August have been posted at Headquarters.

Leave.
Corps Order No. 1 of 13 4 16, the leave therein granted to No. 1875 Spr. E. J. Jennings is hereby cancelled from this date. No. 1548 Gr. C. Humphreys is granted 1 month extension of leave from 18.8.16. No. 1832 Actg. Sergt. T. H. Mathewman is granted 1 month's leave from 14.8.16. No. 2003 Spr. J. H. Donithorne is granted 14 days' leave from 15.8.16. No. 1715 Spr. B. Lillie is granted 1 month's leave from 14.8.16. No. 1970 Pte. W. Maun- ing is granted a half month's leave from 17.8.16. No. 1565 Pte. O. H. Davis is granted 1 month's leave from 3.9.16. No. 1728 Pte. F. A. Perry is granted 2 weeks leave from 22.8.16.

Transfer.
No. 1252 Pte. W. R. Farmer is transferred from No. 1 Sec. Arty. Batty to Left Section M. G. Co. from 14.8.16. No. 1574 Gr. W. W. Edwards is transferred from No. 1 Section Arty. Batty to Mounted Section H. K. Police Reserve from 17.8.16.

Struck Off.
No. 1939 Pte. L. E. Elias is struck off the strength of the Corps from 9.8.16.

Defaulters' Parade.
No. 1636 Pte. P. A. Reis. Signalling Section will attend defaulters' parade in marching order, 50 rounds ball, at 5.30 p.m. to-day at Volunteer Headquarters.

Scouts Company.
No. 1726 Pte. G. B. Haywood, having elected to be treated as a recruit, will attend recruits' parade to-day and on every succeeding Friday at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. until passed out by the Adjutant.

Parades.
Monday 21st inst.—5.15 p.m. Left Centre, Right Sections M.G. Co. Scouts Coy. and Civil Service Coy. outside Courts of Justice, and proceed by car to Happy Valley. 5.30 p.m. Recruits of all units at Headquarters under Corp'l Grimes. Signalling Section "A" class at R. A. Theatre.

Tuesday 22nd inst.—5.30 p.m. Stretcher Bearer Section at Headquarters. Signalling Section "A" "B" and "C" classes at R. A. Theatre. Mounted Section on Polo Ground.

Wednesday 23rd inst.—5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "A" class at R. A. Theatre.

Thursday 24th inst.—5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "A" "B" and "C" classes at R. A. Theatre.

Friday 25th inst.—5.30 p.m. Recruits of all units at Hdqrs. C.S.M. Witchesell, and Corp'l Grimes will attend. Arty. Batty, 10 pr. B.L. gun drill at Gun Club Hill. Sergt. Bradley will attend. H.K. residents parade at Star Ferry Wharf H. K. 6.00 p.m. Signalling Section "A" class at R. A. Theatre.

Saturday 26th inst 2.30 p.m. and Sunday 27th inst 9.00 a.m., Scouts Coy. Mac-King Pt. 1. Trained men on King's Park Range.

Detail.
As detailed in Orders of 11th instant.

CONCEALED IN OATMEAL AND RAISINS.

When the s.s. Tjisondari arrived from San Francisco yesterday the personal effects of one of the Chinese passengers were being searched, and amongst these were found a box of oatmeal and four small boxes of raisins. These were found to be extremely heavy, and, on being broken open, it was discovered that in the oatmeal was concealed a Smith-Weason revolver and that in each package of raisins 50 rounds of ammunition were hidden.

The man was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, and his story was that he was asked to bring the packages from America but did not know what they contained. Inspector Gordon said the man had put up \$500 bail. Fined \$500, or three months' imprisonment.

WAR CHARITIES.

Subscription List No. 7.

Mr. N. S. Marshall ...	\$100
Messrs. Moron and Taylor ...	100
Mr. E. Chapman ...	50
Hongkong Gymkhana Club ...	198 50
Children of the Kowloon British School ...	29 40
Ship's Company s.s. Kailong ...	80
Messrs. W. R. Loxley & Co. ...	2,000
Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd. ...	1,000
Mr. H. J. Sharples ...	25
Proceeds Sale of Books Kowloon Cricket Club Golf Section, Entrance fees Empire Day Competition ...	68
Staff—Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co. Ltd. (monthly sub.) ...	40
Ojagar Singh (monthly subscription) ...	49
Staff—Messrs. Lane Crawford and Co. (monthly sub.) ...	5
F. H. T. ...	138
Mr. R. F. C. Hedge ...	21
land ...	50
Proceeds from League Tennis Matches held on the H.K. Cricket Ground on 29th July ...	35 40
Anonymous ...	5
Mr. J. A. Young ...	100
Collected by Ho Fook and Ho Kam Tong ...	100
Mr. Li Po Lung ...	100
Mr. Ho Ping Woo ...	100
Mr. Lau Shan Shan ...	100
Mr. Lau Lim Young ...	50
Mr. R. Pestonjee ...	20
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Collection at Union Church on 4th Aug. ...	437
Collected the Obelisk Synagogue on 4th Aug. ...	200
Mr. P. P. J. Wadehouse ...	200
Mr. S. B. S. Elery ...	28
Chief Writer Kiti ...	28
Mr. Liang Shih Yi ...	1,000
Offertory at War Anniversary service on 4th August at St. John's Cathedral ...	909 46
Mr. Li Shun Fam ...	100
Mr. Woo Chu Wan ...	25
Mr. Ma Luk Shan ...	25
Messrs. Nam Hing ...	15
Loong Lan ...	15
Messrs. Hop Hing ...	15
Loong Lan ...	15
Messrs. Kwong Hing ...	15
Loong Lan ...	15
Messrs. Wing On ...	15
Loong Lan ...	15
Messrs. Kwong ...	15
Cheung Hing Lan ...	15
Messrs. Wing Sang ...	15
Loong Lan ...	15
Messrs. Pak Cheung ...	15
Hing Lan ...	15
Messrs. Wing Tai ...	15
Loong Lan ...	15
Messrs. Man Fuk ...	10
Shing ...	10
Messrs. Tai Foong ...	10
Messrs. Kwan Chan ...	10
Messrs. Po Yuen ...	10
Hing ...	10
Messrs. Po Sang ...	10
Cheong ...	10
Messrs. Kwong Tai ...	10
Sang ...	10
Messrs. Kung Fook ...	10
Chan ...	10
Messrs. Kam Mau ...	10
Cheung ...	10
Messrs. Shui On ...	10
Cheung ...	10
Messrs. Pak Wo Tong ...	10
Messrs. Kung Shan ...	10
Cheung ...	10
Messrs. Wa On Hong ...	10
Mr. W. G. Lay (Monthly Subscription) ...	20
Swatow ...	20
Mr. T. Carr Ramsey (Monthly Subscription) ...	5
Swatow ...	5
Mr. F. D. Biesker (Monthly Subscription) ...	10
Swatow ...	10
Mr. S. Barker (Monthly Subscription) ...	10
Swatow ...	10
Mr. F. H. Fisher (Monthly Subscription) ...	5
Swatow ...	5

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE MACAO EPIDEMIC.

(To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir,—Owing to the serious outbreak of cholera at Macao I am glad to see that the Hongkong Government has so quickly issued the quarantine regulations and proclamation prohibiting the immigration or importation into the Colony of Chinese from such port or place for such time, etc. I beg to point out that the people living at Macao are fleeing to Canton every day, and no doubt some of them tranship from there to Hongkong, as Canton is now the so-called war area. To protect the health of the residents of the Colony I hope the Hongkong Government will immediately issue some regulation that will apply to the port of Canton.

Yours &c,
RESIDENT.
Hongkong, August 18, 1916.

BURGLARY IN FATSHAN.

Our Canton correspondent writes:—On the evening of the 15th, a small number of soldiers, said to be ten, entered a certain house in Sha Tong Fong, Fatshan, ostensibly to search the premises for gambling games. As soon as they got inside they drew their revolvers and robbed the house of everything of value that they could carry away. The owner of the house raised an alarm by means of sounding a whistle, which was heard by a party of major guards encamping in a neighbouring village. They ran to the house and engaged the robbers in a fight that lasted about an hour. The burglars were finally driven away, but unfortunately the house owner was wounded during the fray.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts advise us that the Langkat output is as follows:—

August	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Total to 17th inst.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	2,104
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Daily average 123.76

Mr. T. J. Edwards (Monthly Subscription) Swatow	10
Mr. W. Howard (Monthly Subscription) Swatow	5
No. 348	1,02
No. 354	1,05
	\$7,987.73

Monthly Subscriptions 2,487.00

\$10,454.73

Already acknowledged 139,415.77

\$149,870.50

Less amounts allocated and earmarked, subscriptions remitted and local payments ...

126,535.89

Balance in hand ...

\$23,334.61

N. J. STABB,

Hon. Treasurer,

Hongkong, 17th August, 1916.

THE CANTON SITUATION.

Possible Use of Airships.

(From our own Correspondent)

Canton, August 17.

During the afternoon of the 15th Li Lieh-kwan sent his first officer, together with several other noted commanders, to Shiu Hing to confer with Shum Chun-huen concerning the future conduct of the war upon Canton. In this conference it was decided to recall all the soldiers who had been sent elsewhere and thus to increase the attacking force as much as possible. It was also agreed upon that airships should be made use of to scatter bombs upon Canton at the time of the assault. So it is now the common opinion that there will be fiercer fighting than ever within the next few days in spite of the fact that a seven days' truce has been reported. This truce is said to have been made to consider what the action of the Central Government is going to be and to ascertain the wishes of the people.

Conspirators Discovered.

Since the beginning of the war in Canton a great number of detectives have been employed by General Lung to discover those persons who try to disturb the peace of the city. A report from some of the detectives stated that a number of revolutionists were coming to Canton by a Hongkong steamer on the 14th, and that these men had threatened to burn the entire city. As soon as the steamer arrived the suspects were shadowed to Yok San Fong, near the East Gate. More than a hundred major guards were then collected and the place was raided. The men showed fight and considerable alarm was occasioned by the tumult. The East Gate was closed and people were not allowed to go in or come out. In the end the guards were victorious. One of the conspirators was killed, three were made captives, and the remainder escaped.

As to Luk's Whereabouts.

There are the usual conflicting stories as to the whereabouts of Luk Wing-ting. The Canton Chinese seem to be convinced that he has reached Shiu Hing and that, after he has conferred with Shum Chun-huen, he will make for Fatshan.

Business in Canton shows but faint signs of improving. Seven hundred bales of silk arrived yesterday from Nanning—the first for a long while. The only other indication of things being on the mend is that Sincere's shop has partly re-opened.

Recent visitors to Canton are impressed by the excellent order that obtains both in the city and on Honam. Honam itself is still under the control of Li Fuk-lam, who insists on maintaining his neutrality. Unfortunately the good order does not extend to the Shek Wai Tong area. Europeans who have been enabled to pass through the lines of Shum's army speak of the men as well disciplined and under good control. Lung's men, on the other hand, continue to give a good deal of trouble and appear to be pretty much a law to themselves—so much so that, on the night of the big fire, it is reported that they looted the pawnshops of the district and got away with property to the value of some four hundred thousand dollars.

Round Shiklung.

The position in and round Shiklung, the possession of which place is being eagerly sought by Lung Chai-kwong, changes almost hourly, and it is difficult to get an exact idea of the actual progress made by the respective military forces. In conversation with Mr. Christiansen, who was wounded last Friday at Shiklung and who is now staying at the King Edward Hotel, we learned that Lung has now about three thousand troops at Tong Mei, which is sixteen miles from Shiklung, and that fresh arrivals are a daily occurrence. Possessing some pieces of heavy artillery, Lung's forces are in a strong position to attack, but the defender of Shiklung has now obtained similar weapons and is confident that he can withstand any attack.

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It is easy to understand why Lung is so anxious to get possession of Shiklung for, with this, he would have uninterrupted water communication with Wei Chow and also the control of most of the railway. Mr. Christiansen said it was very difficult to judge of the position or to forecast what was going to happen. Shumchun, he said, was very much overpowered with refugees and the problem of dealing with them was not an easy one.

Speaking of his injury he said that the men of the contending parties crossed his compound, much against his desire; and that it was while a lot of random shooting was going on that the bullet entered the house and caught him in the leg. His wound is going on satisfactorily.

The play was of a high order, and at the 9th head both men had level scores. Blake's greater experience, however, stood him in good stead, and, gradually drawing away, he won as stated. A large number of spectators witnessed the match. Scores:—Blake 20; Stanley, 13.

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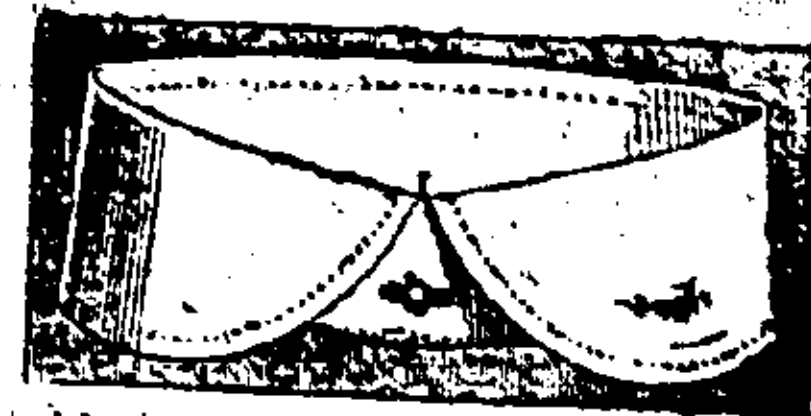
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